

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Further to the Final Office Action, claims 14, 16-19 and 21-25 were allowed.

In response, Applicant sincerely thanks the examiner for the observations in the Final Office Action. To conclude the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Final Office Action, independent claim 1 is amended, as suggested by the examiner in the Final Office Action. It is believed that independent claim 1 now fully complies with 35 U.S.C. 112, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-13 were rejected merely by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 1. Since it is believed that claim 1 now fully complies with 35 U.S.C. 112, withdrawal of the rejection for dependent claims 2-13 is warranted and respectfully requested.

Claim 15 was amended as suggested by the examiner in the Final Office Action.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. It is believed that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is warranted per MPEP 706.07(e).

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No.
14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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